



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** January 25, 2011

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Parma Park Trust Funds For The Maintenance Of Parma Park

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council increase appropriations and revenues by \$61,589 in the Parks and Recreation Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund for implementation of the Fiscal Year 2011 Parma Park Maintenance Plan.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Parma Park, one of the City's 11 open space parks, comprises 200 acres. Located in the upper Sycamore Creek watershed and generally bounded by Sycamore Canyon Road, Mountain Drive, and Montecito, Parma Park provides passive recreation opportunities to hikers and equestrians. Mountain biking is limited to fire roads within the park. Harold Parma, along with his family, deeded Parma Park to the City in November 1973. The Parma Park Trust, established in 2000, provides funds to support the preservation and maintenance of the park. Each year, the Parks and Recreation Department (Department) prepares a maintenance work plan for review and approval by the Parma Park Trustee.

The Department completed the Fiscal Year 2011 proposed maintenance plan in May 2010. The Parma Park Trustee subsequently reviewed and approved the work plan in June 2010. Work plan elements include trail maintenance, defensible space vegetation management, trail signage, olive grove restoration, exotic invasive plant management, and native habitat restoration. Work plan elements such as restoration of the olive grove, continue post-Tea Fire restoration of the park, and others address annual maintenance requirements. The Parma Park Trust also covers a portion of the Fiscal Year 2011 project management expenses associated with implementation of the work plan.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The total cost of the Parma Park Maintenance Work Plan in Fiscal Year 2011 is \$119,200. At the end of Fiscal Year 2010, the Parma Park account in the Parks and Recreation Department's Miscellaneous Grants Funds had a balance of \$57,611, which was carried forward to Fiscal Year 2011. The Parma Park Trustee disbursed \$61,589 to fully fund the work plan.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

Located within the upper Sycamore Creek Watershed, Parma Park provides 200 acres of undeveloped open space for the passive outdoor recreation benefits. Preservation and enhancement of Parma Park protects community natural resources.

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